

Rev. Lucien Clark, Washington.

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Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., Washington.

"I think that Roberts' election is an insult to the Christian people of this land. He assuredly should not be seated."

Rev. D. J. Flynn, Wilmington.

"The seating of Roberts, with his three wives, would be an outrage on Christianity."

Rev. J. W. Duffy, Washington.

"I do not think the Mormons have kept good faith with us, and no Mormon should ever enter the halls of Congress."

Rev. T. S. Hamlin, Washington.

"If this man at present cohabits with three wives, he is a polygamist. Polygamy is forbidden by the laws. Its abolition was the price of admission of Utah to Statehood. No man who practices it should be made a national legislator."

Rev. W. Radcliffe, Washington.

"In my opinion Roberts should never be allowed to take his seat. The followers of Brigham Young have broken faith with this Government."

Rev. J. J. Blair, D. D., Washington.

"From a moral standpoint I should say that Roberts should not be admitted to the House of Representatives. From a legal standpoint I should say that Utah has violated her promise."

Rev. J. H. Walker, Cincinnati.

"The aggression of the Mormon power in electing W. H. Roberts to Congress is in essence a challenge to the Christian conscience of the nation, a flagrant defiance of the State covenants and a serious menace to the social and national well-being."

Rev. H. W. Thomas, Chicago.

"I do not see why Congressman Roberts should not take his seat in Congress. He was elected by the people. Probably there are other Congressmen who have other women besides a wife."

Rev. N. D. Willis, Chicago.

"No, indeed, Congressman Roberts should not have a seat in Congress as long as he is a polygamist. The nation is a Christian one and it would be undignified to permit him to have a seat."

Rev. G. M. Heindel, Albany.

"The national laws make polygamy a crime. Mr. Roberts is charged with that offense. He ought not to be permitted to make laws while he himself breaks them."

Right Rev. Bishop Whitaker, Philadelphia.

"My views on the admission of polygamist Roberts are concise but to the point. To seat him in Congress would be a disgrace to the country and an insult to the women of the United States."

Father Klasmier, New York.

"The Catholic church and all those identified with it are opposed to polygamy in any shape or form. As a member of the Roman Catholic faith I do not care to discuss the subject any further."

Rev. Dr. Lewis R. Foote, Chicago.

"The election of Representative Roberts is an outrage. I also think the admission into the Union of Utah as a State a monumental mistake."

Rev. H. R. Naylor, D. D., Washington.

"Roberts should never be seated. He should never have been elected."

Rev. W. W. Case, San Francisco.

"Roberts has no right in or seat in Congress because as a polygamist he is living in violation of the laws of God and his country."

Rev. E. A. Dent, New York.

"The family is the unit of society. Its sacred rights must not be violated by those sworn to protect them. This Mormon polygamist is ineligible to a seat in our legislative halls. I will add my protest against his being seated."

Rev. J. A. Wilson, San Francisco.

"That which is a penitentiary offense in every other State should disqualify from membership in the highest lawmaking body of the Union."

Rev. E. B. Palmer, Sec'y Mass. Mission Society.

"I have not personally come in contact with this movement, but it certainly is a subject which will deserve a public expression of feeling."

Rev. P. S. Benson, Chicago.

"I think if Congress has a right to judge as to its constituents, and my opinion is that it has, it certainly should cast Congressman Roberts out. It would be a disgrace to the American nation to allow such a man to occupy a seat in Congress."

Rev. A. L. Love, Albany.

"If he has transgressed the law Mr. Roberts ought not to be permitted to participate in law-making. If he is a good citizen, innocent of the charges, he has a perfect right to sit in Congress."

Rev. J. Allison, Pittsburgh.

"Figuratively speaking, Mr. Roberts would be an unpalatable object in the law-making halls of this great American nation. I am opposed to recognizing him as a representative from Utah."

Rev. Dr. Regester, Buffalo.

"It would be a most unwholesome thing to have in the law-making house of the nation a representative who has so little respect for the laws of civilization and morality."

Rev. J. C. Whitehead, Pittsburgh.

"It would be a sorry spectacle to see our law-makers close their eyes to the violation of a Federal statute by a man who may flaunt his evil practices in the faces of Christians at the national capital as Roberts would do."

Rev. N. L. Colby, Manchester, N. H.

"I have protested to Congressmen Sulloway against the display of this shameful and disgraceful spectacle in the halls of Congress, in open defiance of all laws, both human and divine."

Rev. H. G. Miller, New York.

"I am opposed to the seating in Congress of such a man. He is a criminal in the eyes of the law and is utterly ineligible for such an office."

Rev. H. D. Scott, Brooklyn.

"Roberts would be a disgrace to Congress. I understand the man is an ex-convict."

Rev. Z. C. Marten, Asbury Park.

"I have only one opinion on the question. The man is a criminal and ought to be sent to prison instead of Congress."

Rev. W. A. Enslay, Cincinnati.

"In my opinion the appearance of Representative Roberts in the halls of Congress would be a shameful and disgraceful spectacle. The admission of Utah as a State into the Union was unquestionably a mistake, and time will accentuate it."

Rev. Henry Baker, New York.

"Congress has no room for such a man. A man that stands before his fellow man an avowed polygamist is certainly not eligible to Congress."

Rev. G. A. Guenther, New York.

"Mr. Roberts stands an avowed polygamist and therefore a violator of the laws of the United States. He is no more entitled to a seat in Congress than an ex-convict."

Rev. Josiah Colt, Winchester.

"While we cannot have all saints in our public bodies, we need not necessarily have all sinners. And this sin is repugnant, especially to the people of this country, whatever other lapses they may brook in the personnel of their representatives."

Rev. H. Widemer, Asbury Park.

"The fact that such an election is possible, and that there is even a probability of Roberts being seated in Congress, emphasizes the crying necessity for a national marriage and divorce law."

Rev. Dr. Ballard, Asbury Park.

"I approve of the utterances of Mrs. Darwin R. James, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on the subject of admitting a polygamist to the Congress of the United States."

Rev. B. Staats, Long Branch.

"Upon principle I do not think Congressmen-elect Roberts should be seated. It would only prove the entering wedge for the re-establishment of polygamy in Utah."

Rev. R. S. Faulkner, Brooklyn.

"The clergy throughout the country should prevent the seating in Congress of this Mormon, Roberts. My dislike to the man is not due to his religious convictions, but to his polygamous practices."

Rev. D. E. Whittinghill, New Orleans.

"Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah, should not be seated because, first, he has openly violated our civil laws in reference to matrimony, and a law breaker would be a poor lawmaker; second, religious liberty does not mean license to outrage public moral sentiment, and the national moral standard which excluded Breckinridge should not be lowered to admit Roberts."

Father Dehon, New York.

"Congress has no room for polygamists. They are not the representatives the people want. This Mormon, I believe, served a term in prison, and is a firm believer in the doctrines of the Mormon Church. That should be sufficient to bar him from ever holding a public office. The Catholic Church and every one identified with it are opposed to the election of such a man."

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, Washington.

"If I were in Congress I would not know how to vote. When in Utah I gave the question of Mormonism thorough study. I believe in the sanctity of the marriage tie; but, if I understand married, Roberts married these women before Utah was admitted to Statehood. It would be little short of barbarous for him to reject them now to aid his political ambition."

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"I think it a lamentable pity that a man in an official capacity should appear before our youth in such a position."

Rev. F. M. Goodchild, New York.

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